



MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

FROM: Rebecca Martin, Transit Director

VIA: Marc Verniel, Acting Town Manager

DATE: March 4, 2005

CONCERNING: Donation of Bus

I am writing to obtain your concurrence on the donation of one of our 1986 Flixible buses to the Commonwealth Coach & Trolley Museum in Roanoke, Virginia.

The Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose purpose is to educate Virginians about the history, use and efficiency of public transit, while serving non-profit organizations and public events. They use refurbished buses to carry 6-7 thousand people a year, allowing many to access transit for public events. They selectively acquire coaches when they represent geographic parts of the Commonwealth not already in the fleet or when an item is important to the fleet from a historical perspective.

We are about to dispose of six of our 1986 Flixibles that have been replaced by New Flyer buses. The Federal Transit Administration requires that retired vehicles either be disposed of or maintained in running condition as a reserve fleet. These vehicles are normally sold at auction and typically bring in \$1,000 to \$3,000. We are pleased that the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum has expressed an interest in one of our vehicles. We feel that having a Blacksburg Transit bus represented in their fleet will preserve our place in Virginia's Transit Heritage. We propose to donate bus #2616 to the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum upon Town Council's consideration and approval.

RESOLUTION 3-E-05

A RESOLUTION DONATING A 1986 FLXIBLE COACH TO THE
COMMONWEALTH COACH AND TROLLEY MUSEUM

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum maintains a collection of vehicles that tell the story of public transportation in Southwest Virginia;

WHEREAS, this Council, as a good will gesture, wishes to donate to the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum, a 1986 Flxible transit coach (VIN #1GF5AAHK6HD098084), which is surplus and no longer needed for public transportation purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Blacksburg that this Council, as a gesture of good will, takes pleasure in making a gift of a 1986 Flxible transit coach to the Commonwealth Coach and Trolley Museum, and authorizes the Town Manager to effect the transfer of this vehicle.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk

Date of Adoption: _____